

CITY OF LADUE

Public Works

To: Honorable Mayor Nancy Spewak
Members of the City Council

From: Anne C. Lamitola, P.E.
Public Works Director

Date: March 30, 2020

Subject: Resolution 2020-07: Contract mowing for State rights-of-way

The City of Ladue's Public Works Department has been mowing certain portions of State (MoDOT) right-of-way including Ladue & I-170, (Southwest and southeast portions of interchange), McKnight at Godwin and Ladue Crest, the two small islands at Lindbergh and I-64 and S. 40 Drive. The City routinely receives complaints about other portions of State right-of-way that are mowed less frequently by the State; approximately three to five times per growing season. Public Works management has reviewed the current duties of our two-person Parks and Grounds Department within the Public Works Department and the number of concerns that we receive about other State right-of-way locations. Additionally, these issues were discussed with the BOSTA and Public Works Committees. In response to those discussions, funds totaling \$70,000 were included in the 2020 Road and Bridge Fund budget to outsource the mowing on both the State right-of-way that the Public Works Department has been doing, as well as adding in areas that are of the most concern to the Public. Those additional areas include locations at I-64 and Clayton, McKnight, and Lindbergh that have always been too steep for the City's mowing crew and thus mowed three to five times per year.

The City developed a bid package for bi-weekly mowing for 15 locations on State property for a three-year period with the capability of adding in two additional years. All locations are to be mowed 15 times per calendar year. The bids were advertised on February 27, 2020 and several companies were contacted. Two firms showed interest in the project; however, one bid was received, which was submitted by Munie Greencare Professionals in the amount of \$18,956.00 for this year. Although Complete Lawncare was interested, they only bid on project involving weekly mowing. The total prices for each of the five calendar years, as submitted by Munie Greencare Professionals, are:

Year 2020	\$18,956.00
Year 2021	\$19,336.00
Year 2022	\$19,723.00
Year 2023	\$20,117.00
Year 2024	\$20,520.00

It is recommended that the City award the contract to Munie Greencare Professionals for the three-year period. The total contract amount for the first three years is \$58,015. The City has not worked with Munie Greencare Professionals previously, but they have been in business for 40 years and have operations in nine states, including Missouri and Illinois. They specialize in Grounds Maintenance and Lawn Care Services. MoDOT, Ameren, and the City of Des Peres were listed as references and all three entities provided positive feedback about Munie and their services. With regard to City staff, they will continue to mow City owned properties, and this change will free up more time for them to focus on parks and grounds deferred maintenance items on City property and right-of-way.

Included in this packet is Resolution No. 2020-07 enabling the Mayor to enter into the contract on behalf of the City, the City-Contractor Agreement, the bid notice, and the memorandum from the Public Works Superintendent. If you would like to discuss this project, please contact me by phone at (314) 993-5665 or by e-mail at alamitola@cityofladue-mo.gov.